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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. five only.

Part B for February 1943.

SUBJECT.

Storage of aviation Spirit & oil at the aerodromes. — " (at Yelahanka.)

M. Krishnan
16. 2. 43.

Re: Storeage of Aviation Spirit and Oil in Containers at the R.A.F. Aerodrome at Yelahanka

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I phone to the R.A.F Hq. also that Govt. is informed from the Stn. Offr. of the arrival of the consignment & enable them to transport the oil from the station. No storage question in the station is contemplated. The Govt. has been informed on the phone about this. For information

Sd/-

Duran Singh
Offg Secy

for
15/11/42

for 15/11/42

Nil
13/11/42

for
13/11/42

Q.O. 61
RAILWAY SECTT.
No.
Date 10.11.42
152/Q.O.61

13.11.42

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

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RAILWAY SECRETARIAT.

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ROUTINE NOTE.

D. No. 1262 dated 19.11.42
D. No. 1264 dated 19.11.42
D. No. 1286 dated 23.11.42.

—x—

Re: Aviation Spirit for R.A.F. Aerodrome at Yelahanka.

—x—

1) The above receipts are placed below for favour of perusal.

2) It is ascertained un-officially that the matter is being dealt with in the War Section.

3) This will therefore be ~~referred~~ transferred to that Section for necessary further action

Sd/- 25/11/42

For perusal

Sd/- 25/11

Dy Secy

War Sec'n W.E.

30/11/42

Sd/-

Submitted for perusal with the previous papers. No reference has been received about storing of aviation spirits at Yelahanka pro.

G. I. D. 1286.

Quinquennial Examination of Vet. Asst. Surgeons.

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1. The Secy. to the Govt. of India in Army Dept. has addressed to the Dy Director Vety Services, Delhi, a letter dated 20-11-42 which the Govt. of Mysore has received to the Dy Director Vety Services, Mysore for perusal. He has requested that the Committee Rules of the Vety Staff should be understood by the Executive Engr Aviation Dept.

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30/11 The Govt. of India may be informed that no communication has been received from the Govt. of Delhi regarding this point as in the case of the Note Veterinary, it is understood the Aviation Division undertakes this work also.

Sd/- 1/12/42

Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARY, 683, 1. DEC. 1942, GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Secretary

1703 Aviation Spirit at Yelahanka.

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From The S. M. M. & Rly.

D.O No 110 S 30th Nov. 42 forwarding copy of Minutes of the meeting with Mr West for Rly Board Chief Engr's remarks on the PUD

"Subj. Aviation Spirit. As I understand has arrived and is being stored in a safe place by the Aviation Engineer." (Sd/-) M. S. M 1/12

For Mr. (Sd/-) J.M.D 8/12

Dewan (Sd/-) N.M 10/12

With refce to correo supra, the S. M Mly has already passed this office refs to the Asst Engr i/c Storage at Kolar. As seen from his present refce. In view of the Chief Engr's remarks on the PUD it is for consideration whether the S. M be informed that no refce from the Political Dept has been received by i/c Yelahanka, in refs to the personal letter of the S. M.s ordered supra.

As the S.M. is aware of, what has transpired & has discussed the matter in Delhi; no action is at present necessary

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RS 11/12 Secy

WD 1140—GPB—50,000—5-11-42

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2/11/42

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,
MYSORE.

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Yours sincerely,

R.N. Murthy
2.11.42

Encs.2.

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Sd/- S.N.Russell,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR EDUCATION
Date 5.11.42
No. 2240

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2/11/42

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2.11.42

No. 80 Mysore, 2 Novr. 1942

Encl: Guard copy of letter.

Copy to the Secretary to Govt. for Railways, Bangalore, with compliments, for information.

R. N. Murty
2.11.42

GENERAL MANAGER,
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MBRM—G 42—3,500—23-9-41

MYSORE STATE RAILWAY

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TELEPHONE No. PERSONAL 223. OFFICE 395.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Mysore, 20th November 194 2

No. 9634 /Fl

From SECRET/IMMEDIATE. Encls.

THE GENERAL MANAGER,
MYSORE STATE RAILWAY,
MYSORE.

To

The Deputy Director,(Traffic) (Transportation),
Railway Board, New Delhi.

YOUR SECRET EXPRESS LETTER NO.1815-TT/MISC.
DATED 10th NOVEMBER 1942.

Aviation Sprit for R.A.F.Aerodrome
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I request that suitable instructions may please be issued early to the Executive Engineer,Aviation Division, to take up the construction of the tank. I am sending a copy of this to him for information.

(Sd.)
GENERAL MANAGER.
(In Charge).

Kso. SECRET

No. 9635 Dated 20 Nov. 1942.
Copy of the above is forwarded to the Executive Engineer

P.T.O.

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Aviation Division, Central P.W.D., Bangalore, for information in continuation of this office letter No.9006 dated 13/11/42.

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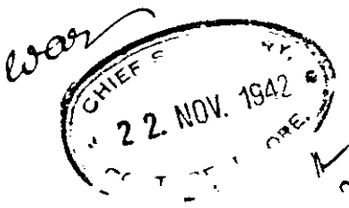

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No.9636 SECRET.

Dated.20.Nov.1942.

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M Venkatesan

General Manager.
(In charge)

MSRM—G 182—1000—17-6-42

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MYSORE STATE RAILWAY

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SECRET.

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No. 9304 /Fl.

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From

Rajasevaprasakta
R. N. MIRZA, Esqr., B.E., A.M. Inst. C.E., A.R.T.C., M.I.M.E.,
GENERAL MANAGER, MYSORE STATE RAILWAY,
MYSORE.

To

THE Chief SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
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RAILWAY SECRETARIAT 19 NOV. 1942 GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

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Sd/

General Manager.

A.S. 482
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A.S.

SECRET.

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SECRET

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P.T.O.

No 9635
20-11-42

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General Manager.
(In charge)

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RAILWAY SECRETARIAT
23. NOV. 1942
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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

SECRET

No~~46~~ 489 Dated20.Nov.1943.

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M Venkatesan
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W 187-42-11.

SECRET.

D. O. No 110

1703 - W

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.
MYSORE STATE RAILWAY.

Mysore, 30th November 1942

Encl.1.

Dear Mr.Mehkri,,

Aviation spirit for R.A.F.Aerodrome at Yelahanka.

S 4413 I have seen your official letter No.Pol.1115 dated 26th instant to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident, on my return from Delhi. Mr.S.E.L.West Director (Traffic), Railway Board, asked me to discuss this matter with him while I was in Delhi which I did.

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting (more or less informal) on 22-11-1942 is enclosed for your information.

Yours Sincerely,

Sells. Aviation Spirit is I understand to be issued is being stored in a safe place by the Aviation Engineers.

30/11/42

Mothamed-ul-Mulk

M.G.Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

2699 Ex. No. 5/12

8.12.42

10/12/42

SECRET.

Minutes of a Meeting held in Director's (Traffic) room on 22-11-1942.

Present:-- R.N.Mirza, Esq., General Manager, Mysore State Ry.
Group Captain G.V.Howard, RAF (Bangalore).
Flt. Lieut. Horsfall, Air Hd.Qrs. (E.10)
S.E.L.West, Esq., Director, Traffic.

The meeting was to settle the question relating to the request of War Department that the Mysore Railway should make arrangements at Kolar and Yelahanka for temporary storage of aviation spirit in barrels and drums. This involved the erection on Railway land of shedding with suitable flooring. Mr Mr.Mirza had written a D.O. in this connection which did not reach Director (Traffic).

2. Mr.Mirza had told Director (Traffic) that he was averse to storage in railway premises. The coal they used was low grade and there was danger from sparks -- the shedding would probably have to be thatched. He thought the military could easily arrange with the Durbar for storage outside railway premises in a safe area. He would assist if he could in obtainin use of land adjacent to the stations. He added that Group Cap Howard, the R.A.F.Officer concerned, happened to be in Delhi.

3. Director (Traffic) Therefore, convened the Meeting which Gr.Capt. Howard and Flt.Lt.Horsfall kindly attended. Mr.Mirza again stressed the danger of storage at these two stations.

4. Capt. Howard explained that the R.A.F. were merely responsible for collecting aviation spirit at railhead and bringing it to Aerodrome Dumps. The request had emanated from the Southern Army and all he could do wa to contact the Southern Army on his return and explain the difficulties and the alternative solution suggested by Mr.Mirza. Mr.Mirza explained that he had issued instructions to the Station Masters concerned to intimate to the nearest R.A.F.Depot the arrival of aviation spirit so that they could clear it as quick as possible.

5. Director (Traffic) stated that as far as he knew, the aviation spirit had not been despatched, as the War Department were presumably still acting on the request for postponement

Mr.Mirza stated that he would go up to Bangalore to meet Captain Howard at any time if necessary and both he and Capt. Howard considered arrangements could be made locally without referring again to Headquarters.

6. It is suggested that War Department might request POLINDIA to again wire the Resident requesting that arrangements for temporary storage be made outside the railway premises in the nearest safe area.